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Governor Carter And The Dam

Governor Carter is to be heartily commended for his attitude and action in regard to the Nuuanu Dam. Instead of being reassuring to the public the whole past attitude in regard to the dam, especially the attitude of the contractor—which is no doubt dictated by those behind him—has been, from the time the matter came to public attention, such as to still further increase uncertainty and fear.

The professional reputation of Expert Kellogg, who pronounced the plans, with some changes, sufficient and safe, is such that the public ought to have been fully reassured. But it wasn't. Why? Not because the public thought or thinks that Mr. Kellogg was mistaken. But because it has no confidence that the plans as he modified them will be faithfully carried out in the spirit necessary to insure a feeling of security in the public. There have been so many unexplained delays. There has been what has appeared to the public such a lack of candor. There have been so many reports of defective work without contradiction that carried conviction, that further work on the dam at this time can have no other effect than to create still further doubt and apprehension in the minds of people living below the dam. Reports are current now that those in a position to know fear for the dam during every phase of its construction should a great volume of water, such as a cloudburst is likely to produce, be suddenly piled up behind it.

Let the legislature investigate the whole subject. Let the investigation bring out all the facts of the plans, the construction, and who is behind the contractor.

Let every interest in this matter be laid bare.

The Sheriff And Partisanship

Sheriff Haukea seems to be between the devil and the deep sea. The rank and file of the Democratic party are complaining because he appoints so many Republicans to the force. Chairman Hustace of the Board of Supervisors has raised the alarm that he is appointing too many Democrats, or at least that he is discharging Republicans to make places for Democrats.

There is no doubt that a strong sentiment against making political machines out of the public service, was voiced at the last election. There is no doubt also that if the Sheriff is to make a successful administration and carry out the reforms he contemplates, he must be assured of loyalty among his subordinates. For this reason it is wise and proper that he should have the absolute power of discharge and appointment. And the law gives it to him. This was decided by the Supreme Court in the case coming up from Hawaii County more than a year ago, where the Sheriff appointed one set of officers and the County Board another.

The case is altogether different from the employees of the road department. The County Act gives the Sheriff the right and power to appoint his subordinates. It gave no such power to the road supervisor. He is the creature of the Board. The employment of the road force is wholly within the Board's control. Upon the road force the resolution eliminating politics can have full force. Upon the police force, it is without legal effect.

It is true that the Board can hamper the Sheriff, and perhaps coerce him in the appointment of his subordinates, by refusing him proper appropriations. It is to be hoped that it will not.

It is entirely proper and fitting that the Board of Supervisors should seek to check partisanship in appointments and the spoils system. But at the same time it must leave the Sheriff with a free hand to cope with the duties and responsibilities of his office.

There need be no deadlock nor friction if County officers and County supervisors, shall each seek to work harmoniously and honestly for the public good.

The Japanese Consulate

The purchase of the Progress Block by the Japanese Government for a consulate, is a very important transaction. At the last session of the Japanese Parliament, an appropriation of 200,000 yen was made for the erection of a consulate at this port. This in itself indicated the importance of this consulate-general in the opinion of the Japanese Foreign Office and the Japanese Parliament.

In the paternal government system of Japan, Japanese consulates have a much more intimate relation with their people in the consular district, than American consulates have with Americans in the foreign countries where they are located. The American in a foreign country never thinks of his country's consul or diplomatic representative, unless he has some actual business which cannot be transacted except before the consul, such as the execution of legal papers, or the certification of documents connected with shipping or import, except when he goes broke, or otherwise gets into trouble. Then he appeals to the American consul or the American ambassador or minister. It is the universal testimony of American consuls and diplomats that of all the Americans with whom they deal, they never hear of the great majority of them until the individuals of that great majority get into trouble, usually of their own making.

But between Japanese in a foreign country, and their diplomatic consular representatives, the relation is very different. In the first place Japanese of the laboring class, at least, cannot get a passport to leave their own country to go to any other, except one where diplomatic or consular representatives have been established. The Japanese Government is parental. And when the subjects of the Emperor are in a foreign country, his majesty's diplomatic and consular representatives are in loco parentis to them.

In Hawaii as has time and again been shown, the Japanese Consul General is the guide, philosopher and friend to all his countrymen. It has happened in some instances that there has been a strong division of sentiment in the Japanese colony on some particular matter or matters affecting them, and the advice and efforts of the consul have been disregarded by a portion of the colony. But usually, in the end, through the mediation of the Foreign Office or otherwise, the difference is smoothed over, and the consul resumes his place in its parental relations to the people.

Under such conditions, it is natural then, that in a Territory where there are from 60,000 to 70,000 Japanese, the government of Japan

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should feel the advantage and necessity of providing a consulate, not only commodious enough for the transaction of all the business of the consulate, but in architecture and construction as well as in location, suitable to the dignity of the Emperor's government.

While the price paid for the Progress Block, \$57,000, is considerably less than 200,000 yen, no doubt very considerable alterations will be required to make it conform to its uses, and these alterations will doubtless make up quite the difference between \$57,000 and 200,000 yen.

With the Progress Block transformed into an Imperial Japanese consulate, the corner of Fort and Beretania will have quite an imposing appearance. On one corner is the Central Fire Station, a building of striking appearance. On another is the Sach's building which is a handsome and substantial one. On a third corner is the new building of Fred Harrison; and the fourth will be occupied by the consulate. Near-by is the Catholic Cathedral.

Although General Otis of the Los Angeles Times only spent one day in Honolulu he says enough of the place to have his paper join the ranks of the boosters for Hawaii.

It might be suggested to the Chauvinistic Hawaiians who want the immigration legislation of the last session repealed, that it will be better for them to be out-voted by whites, than to be crowded out by Asiatics.

Judge Dole's suggestion that effort to get at and remove the causes of poverty is infinitely better than the best possible success at relieving poverty, has a depth of philosophy in it. He will find, however, that there are a whole lot of people who shout "Socialism" and "Anarchy" whenever a serious proposal is made to seek to remove the causes of poverty.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

When the heart dries up religion

soon leaks out.
Human evolution may be but divine revelation.

Power in life is simply putting our passions into harness.

The force of great deeds rests on small personal fidelities.

He who never has worked at religion is always sure it is worn out. Some men would not recognize their own religion if they met it alone.

The more discontented a man is with others the better satisfied he will be with himself.

A lot of folks who think of faith only as a ferry to heaven are going to get their feet wet.

We become slaves to habits by counting an occasional indulgence as a demonstration of liberty.

You cannot tune up your life to the divine unless you will at some time shut out the din of daily business.

Men who boast of their virtues would probably have more to say if they enumerated their vices.

If a man walks up to a young widow and suddenly puts his arm around her waist she'll say "Don't!" just as if she meant it.

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Efforts are going to be made by President Pinkham, through the legislature, to secure a more frequent and convenient steamer service between Honolulu and the Leper Settlement. It is claimed that the present service of one steamer a week is inadequate and that the present routine of the steamer is wrong and entails a great deal of delay and annoyance to employees of the government going to the settlement.

It requires about three days to come from Kalaupapa to Honolulu a distance of 54 miles. The cause for this waste of time, is the way that the steamer is routed. Superintendent J. McVeigh of the settlement says that he boarded the Iwalani last Thursday to come to this place but had to remain aboard until the following Sunday, in order to reach Honolulu. The cause was that the vessel had to make certain ports on Molokai and Maui before she returned to Honolulu. On Saturday night the vessel stopped at a Molokai port, within twelve miles of the settlement. The result is that the time of the government employees is wasted, unnecessarily.

The idea is to effect some different arrangement for the routing of the steamer and to have a more frequent service to the settlement every week.

ALASKAN FOR HONOLULU.

The A.-H. S. S. Alaskan leaves Seattle February 5 for Honolulu. A cablegram was yesterday received to the above effect by the local agents.

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Lucien Young On The Lanai Case

WRITES TO JUDGE GEAR, ATTORNEY OF McCANDLESS AND EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS.

The way in which the Lanai matter is regarded on the mainland, is shown in a letter received in the Coptic's mail by Judge Gear from Captain Lucien Young, U. S. N. An excerpt from the letter from the well known naval officer who is now on duty at Mare Island, to the attorney for L. L. McCandless who secured the injunction, is as follows:

"I see by the papers of late that you have been engaged in some patriotic work preventing transfer of Lanai to the possible possession of an alien power and that the courts had sustained your injunction, good for you."

91 BOOKED FOR LAVA FLOW.

At noon today 91 people had booked for the possible excursion of the S. S. Kinai to the lava flows on Hawaii on Saturday. The list appears elsewhere.

ONLY SAIL IN PORT.

The ship Erskine M. Phelps is the only sailing vessel left in the harbor since the departure yesterday of the marks St. Katherine and Nuuanu. The Phelps is to take sugar around the Horn.

FILED AMENDED COMPLAINT.

An amended complaint was filed yesterday in the matter of Maria Barile vs. William Savidge, trustee, asking that the trustee be directed to pay to her the accrued dower under the will of her husband. She demands the interest in cash.